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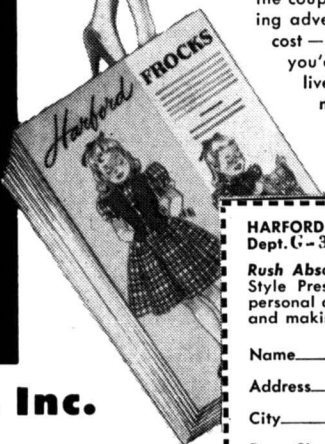
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It was unbelievable because she was real! It was awe-inspiring--because she was just an average kid! It was terrifying--because, what she did was impossible. This was Anna Marie Kunowski!

The Girl who walked on water!



"MY NAME IS **WALTER ZEISS**! AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN FOR ALL WHO CARE TO LISTEN-- THAT I SAW A YOUNG GIRL WALK ACROSS A MILE OF WATER! CLEAR-- UNFROZEN-- AND 50 FEET DEEP! I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT HER FROM ERNEST HUNT, WHO OCCUPIES THE DESK NEXT TO MINE IN THE MAIL ORDER FIRM WHERE WE ARE STILL EMPLOYED.

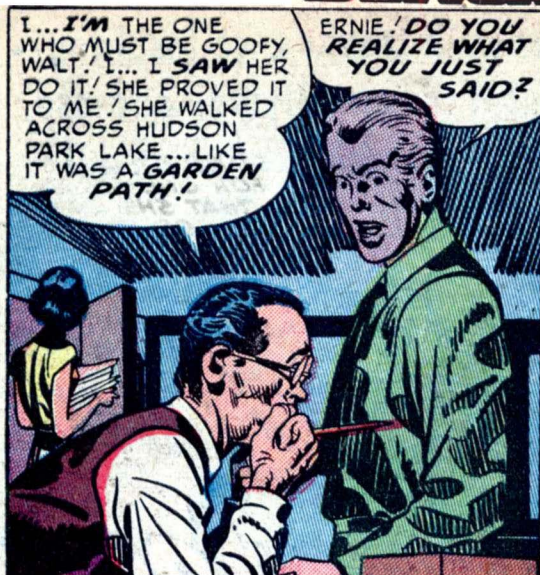
I KNOW, WALT! YOU THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF JOKE! AND SO DID I, WHEN SHE TOLD ME ABOUT IT-- SO CASUALLY --AND SO SINCERELY--

THAT SHE COULD WALK ON WATER? WELL, THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THE POOR KID IS GOOFY!



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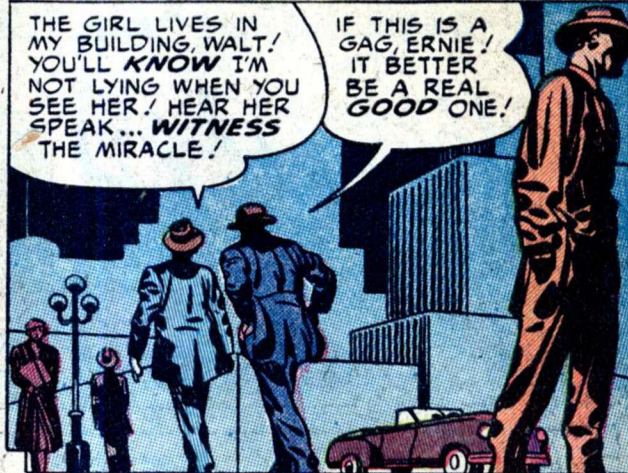
I... I'M THE ONE WHO MUST BE GOOFY, WALT! I... I SAW HER DO IT! SHE PROVED IT TO ME! SHE WALKED ACROSS HUDSON PARK LAKE... LIKE IT WAS A GARDEN PATH!

ERNIE! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU JUST SAID?

I WAS SHOCKED WHEN ERNIE NODDED IN ASSENT! BECAUSE, COMING FROM ERNIE, THE STORY MIGHT BE TRUE! ERNIE WAS DEFINITELY NOT THE CRACKPOT TYPE! THAT EVENING, I FOUND OUT... THAT ERNIE WASN'T LYING!

THE GIRL LIVES IN MY BUILDING, WALT! YOU'LL KNOW I'M NOT LYING WHEN YOU SEE HER! HEAR HER SPEAK... WITNESS THE MIRACLE!

IF THIS IS A GAG, ERNIE! IT BETTER BE A REAL GOOD ONE!



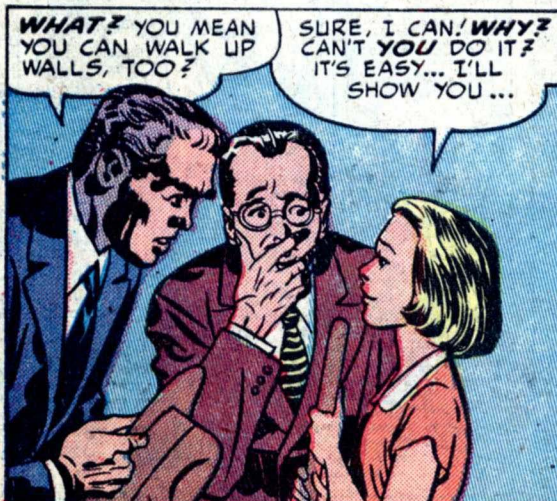
HER NAME WAS ANNA MARIE KUNOWSKI! SHE LIVED IN THIS SMALL, TWO-ROOM FLAT WITH HER AGED GRANDMOTHER! AND EXCEPT FOR THE SHARP CLARITY OF HER EYES, THERE SEEMED NOTHING ABOUT THE GIRL TO SUGGEST SUPERNATURAL POWERS...



I WISH YOU'D TELL MY FRIEND ABOUT YOUR LITTLE ER... TRICK, ANNA MARIE! HE THINKS IT'S QUITE IMPOSSIBLE!

YEAH! EVERYBODY DOES! EVEN GRANDMA!

SHE SCOLDS ME ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME! SHE SAYS PEOPLE JUST CAN'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT! BUT, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT! WHY SHOULD IT BE SO HARD TO WALK ON WATER... OR, EVEN, UP THE SIDE OF A WALL? I ONCE DID THAT! AND THE KIDS LAUGHED AT ME! THEY SAID I LOOKED FUNNY!



WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU CAN WALK UP WALLS, TOO?

SURE, I CAN! WHY? CAN'T YOU DO IT? IT'S EASY... I'LL SHOW YOU...

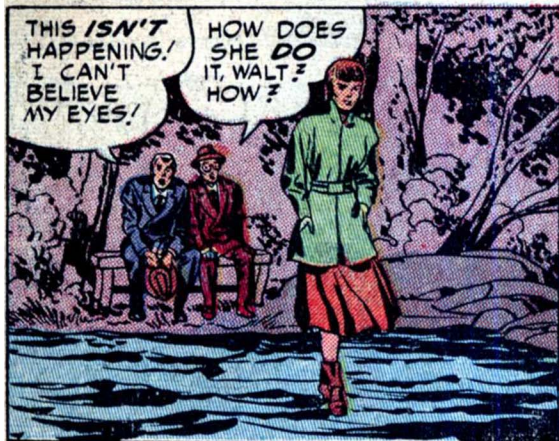
SHE SHOWED US! WITH THE CALMNESS OF AN AFTERNOON STROLLER, THE KID WALKED UP THE SIDE OF A WALL! ERNIE AND I SWALLOWED SO HARD, THAT ONE COULD HEAR THE THUMPS!



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BEFORE THE EVENING WAS OVER, I WAS ALSO TO WITNESS THE WATER-WALKING MIRACLE! ANNA MARIE WORE GALOSHES FOR THAT ROUTINE. IN THE MOONLIT SILENCE OF HUDSON PARK, ERNIE AND I SAT LIKE... STATUES... WATCHING THE GIRL WALK ACROSS THE LAKE!



THIS *ISN'T* HAPPENING! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!

HOW DOES SHE DO IT, WALT? HOW?

IF THE GIRL WAS A HYPNOTIST... OR EVEN A WITCH... I MIGHT UNDERSTAND THIS! BUT I KNOW HER BACKGROUND! SHE'S JUST AN AVERAGE 14 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL KID!

... EXCEPT, THAT ANNA MARIE *BELIEVES* SHE CAN DO THESE THINGS! YES! THAT'S IT! *SHE DOESN'T DOUBT FOR ONE SECOND THAT SHE CAN DO IT!*



SHE *DOESN'T KNOW* IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, ERNIE! SHE THINKS IT'S NATURAL! LIKE RUNNING, SKIPPING... OR JUMPING!

SURE! THE BUSHMEN OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS THINK NOTHING OF WALKING ON HOT COALS! AND THEY DON'T BLISTER, EITHER!



AND THE ACCOUNTS OF THE FAKIRS OF INDIA... WHO CAN RISE INTO THE AIR WITHOUT SUPPORT! THE PEOPLE WHO RUN SWORDS THROUGH THEIR BODIES... THOSE WHO ARE BURIED ALIVE FOR DAYS... AND LIVE!

THE *MIND, CONQUERING MATTER*, WALT! THAT'S WHAT IT IS! AND WE'VE GOT *LIVING PROOF!* ANNA MARIE!



LIVING PROOF... TO SHOW TO THE WORLD... AT A DOLLAR A HEAD! THAT'S WHAT OCCUPIED *OUR* MINDS! BOTH OF US GASPED AT THE POSSIBILITIES! ERNIE AND I HAD FOUND A COMMODITY TO PEDdle THAT WAS SURE FIRE! A MIRACLE! A *GENUINE, BONA FIDE MIRACLE!*

IT'S GETTING LATE... GRANDMA WILL BE AWFULLY MAD IF I'M NOT HOME BY TEN!

SURE, HONEY! SURE! HERE! LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND!



THAT WAS WONDERFUL, ANNA MARIE! ERNIE AND I CERTAINLY ENJOYED WATCHING YOU! IT MUST BE LOTS OF FUN!

YES! BUT SOMETIMES, I GET *SCARED* BECAUSE, EVERYONE LAUGHS AT ME AND CALLS ME NAMES! THEN, I CRY FOR DAYS!

YOU MUSTN'T MIND WHAT PEOPLE SAY! WALT AND I THINK YOU'RE GREAT!



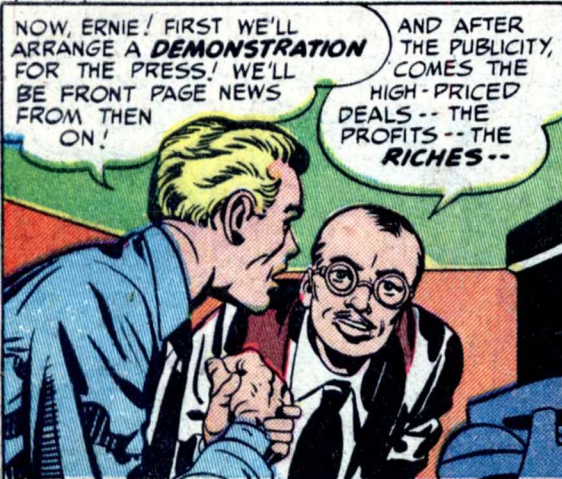
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ALL NIGHT LONG, MY THOUGHTS RAN WILD AND MERGED AND FROTHED AND HISSED LIKE SOAPSUDS LURCHING, FROM ONE SIDE, TO THE OTHER OF MY REELING BRAIN! THE NEXT MORNING, I WENT TO THE OFFICE AS USUAL. BUT, I WAS NO LONGER WALTER ZEISS. I CAST A **GIANT** SHADOW--ECLIPSING SUCH PIGMIES AS P.T. BARNUM, FLO ZIEGFELD AND CECIL B. DE MILLE!



HI, PARTNER! DID YOU CALL THAT LAWYER?

HE'LL HAVE THE **CONTRACTS** FOR US THIS AFTERNOON! WE CAN SIGN THE KID UP AFTER WORK!



NOW, ERNIE! FIRST WE'LL ARRANGE A **DEMONSTRATION** FOR THE PRESS! WE'LL BE FRONT PAGE NEWS FROM THEN ON!

AND AFTER THE PUBLICITY, COMES THE HIGH-PRICED DEALS-- THE PROFITS-- THE **RICHES**--

WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE, WE WEREN'T GOING TO LET A **HOWLING**, OLD HARRIDAN KEEP US FROM LEARNING WHAT THE RUCKUS WAS ABOUT! OUR SECOND ENTRANCE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE--ER--FORCEFUL.. WE FOUND ANNA MARIE SOBBING BITTERLY...



PLEASE! MRS. KUNOWSKI! YOU'RE USING CUSS-WORDS UNBEFITTING A **LADY!**

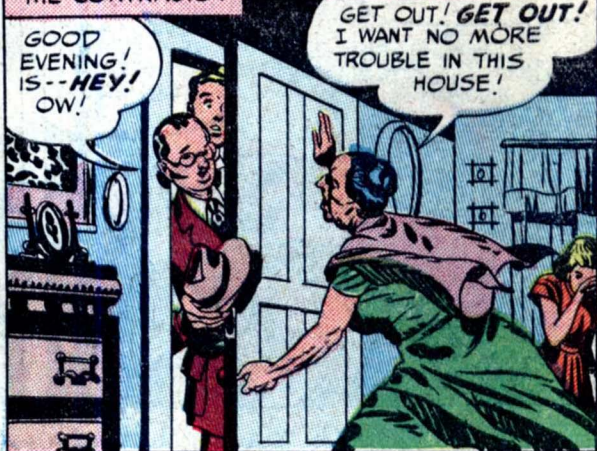
ANN MARIE! WHAT HAPPENED? DID SHE **BEAT** YOU?

THEN WE'RE **READY** TO OPERATE! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT, ERNIE! TWO WORKING STIFFS AND A LITTLE SCHOOLGIRL-- READY, TO SET THE WORLD ON ITS EAR!

GOOD-BYE, TIME-CLOCK! GOOD-BYE YOU DUSTY, DOG-EARED LEDGERS! PERHAPS, WE'LL MEET AGAIN--IN **NIGHTMARES!**

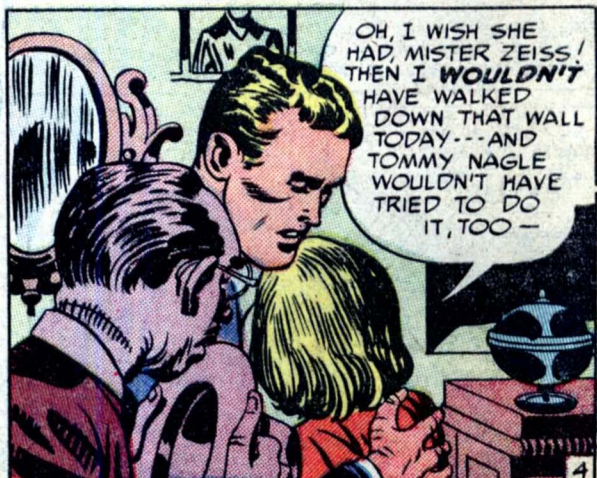


WE PHONED EVERY EDITOR IN TOWN! I **WON'T** DESCRIBE THEIR REACTION OR THEIR LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, I WAS CONFIDENT THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR NUMBER WOULD SEE THE DEMONSTRATION. HE WOULD BE ENOUGH. ERNIE AND I HASTENED TO ANNA MARIE WITH THE **CONTRACTS**.



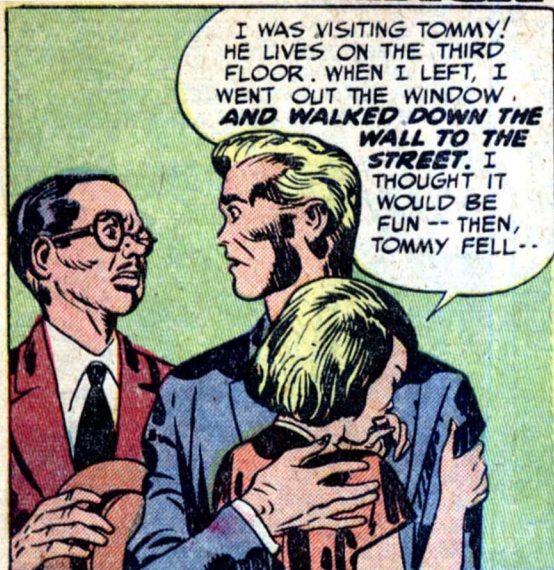
GOOD EVENING! IS--HEY! OW!

GET OUT! **GET OUT!** I WANT NO MORE TROUBLE IN THIS HOUSE!



OH, I WISH SHE HAD, MISTER ZEISS! THEN I **WOULDN'T** HAVE WALKED DOWN THAT WALL TODAY---AND TOMMY NAGLE WOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO DO IT, TOO--

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I WAS VISITING TOMMY! HE LIVES ON THE THIRD FLOOR. WHEN I LEFT, I WENT OUT THE WINDOW AND WALKED DOWN THE WALL TO THE STREET. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN -- THEN, TOMMY FELL--



I'M SO SCARED, MISTER ZEISS! MAYBE PEOPLE **AREN'T** SUPPOSED TO DO THESE THINGS! LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO TOMMY! HE'S HURT AWFUL BAD --

OH, BROTHER! THAT WAS IT! ERNIE AND I ALMOST WORE OUR TONSILS TO THE NUB -- REASSURING THE GIRL! SOOTHING HER! WE EVEN TOLD HER THAT TOMMY FELL, ONLY, BECAUSE HE HAD TWO LEFT FEET! THE PEP TALK SEEMED TO MEND HER CONFIDENCE!

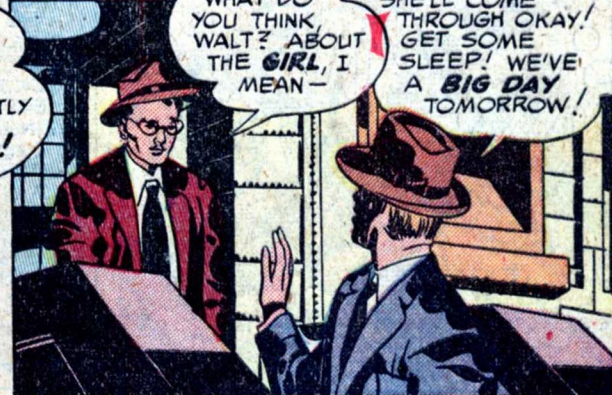


DO I SIGN **THIS** ONE TOO, MISTER ZEISS?

YES, HONEY! WE'RE GOING TO SEE THAT EVERYONE **APPRECIATES** YOU!

YOU BET! WE'LL SHOW 'EM THAT GRAVITY IS STRICTLY FOR **SQUARES!**

ANNA MARIE KUNOWSKI'S **MAGICAL** ABILITIES WERE EXCLUSIVELY OUR PROPERTY, WHEN ERNIE AND I SAID GOOD NIGHT... BUT THERE WAS TAKING ROOT, IN OUR MINDS, A GROWING SUSPICION WHICH BOTH OF US WERE HESITANT TO VOICE.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, WALT? ABOUT THE **GIRL**, I MEAN --

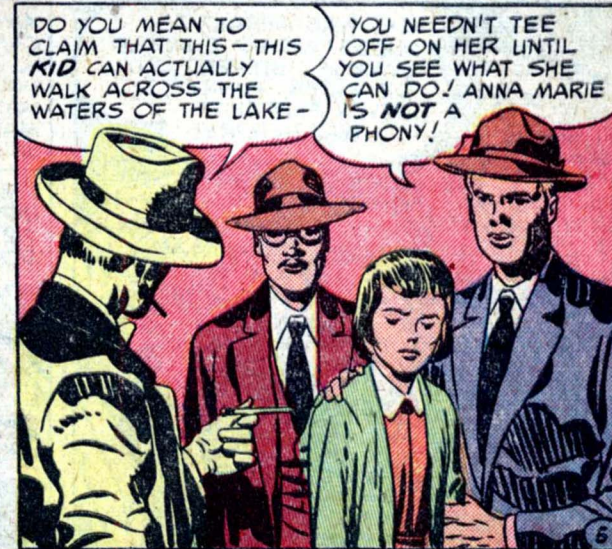
SHE'LL COME THROUGH OKAY! GET SOME SLEEP! WE'VE A **BIG DAY** TOMORROW!

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ARRANGED FOR SEVEN O'CLOCK AT HUDSON PARK LAKE... TWO **NEWSPAPER** GUYS WERE ON HAND AS ERNIE AND I ARRIVED AT THE SCENE WITH ANNA MARIE IN TOW.



YOU THE BOYS WHO MAKE **MIRACLES?**

AH! THE **PRESS**. THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING, GENTLEMEN.



DO YOU MEAN TO CLAIM THAT THIS--THIS **KID** CAN ACTUALLY WALK ACROSS THE WATERS OF THE LAKE --

YOU NEEDN'T TEE OFF ON HER UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO! ANNA MARIE IS **NOT** A PHONY!

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POOR FRIGHTENED, LITTLE ANNA MARIE! I CAN STILL SEE HER-- AT THE SHORE'S EDGE-- TRYING TO AVOID THE REPORTER'S BORED, CYNICAL, ALMOST HOSTILE STARE... HER RIGHT FOOT MOVED JERKILY! PAUSED ABOVE THE LAKE WATER-- I DABBED AT THE THIN FILM OF MOISTURE ON MY FOREHEAD.

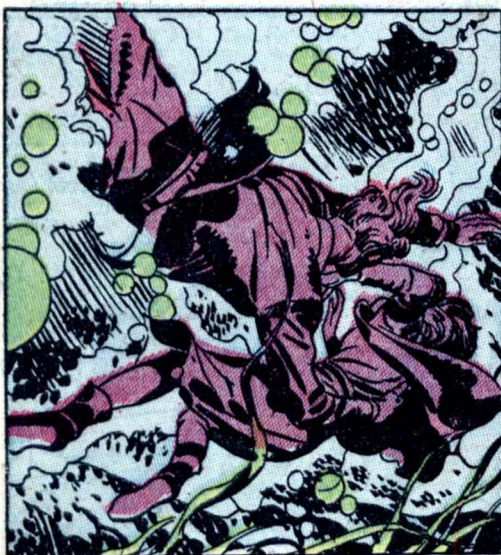


GO AHEAD, HONEY! JUST TAKE A FEW STEPS ACROSS AND COME BACK. THAT'S ALL--

THAT'S ALL, I WAS ASKING. JUST WALK ACROSS THE WATER. JUST DO THE IMPOSSIBLE! ONE OF THE REPORTERS SNICKERED DERISIVELY AT THE VERY MOMENT ANNA MARIE WENT FORWARD!



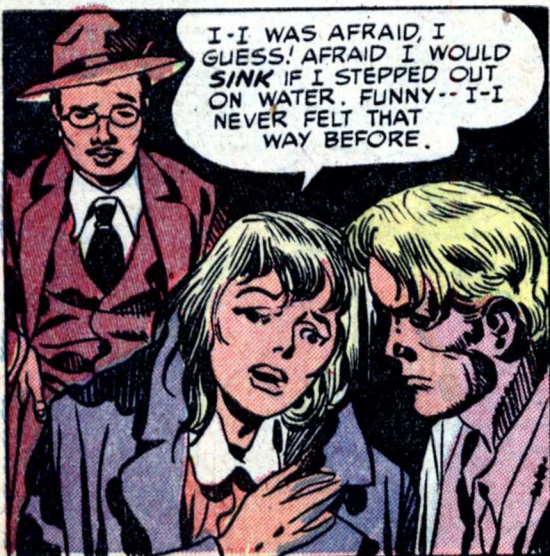
HELP!



THE KID AND I WERE HAULED OUT, GASPING AND WET CLEAR THROUGH! THE REPORTERS SADLY SHOOK THEIR HEADS-- EYEING US WITH MIXED DISTASTE AND PITY. THEN, THEY LEFT. ERNIE SAID SOMETHING. BUT, IT WAS TOO LOW TO DISTINGUISH.



WHAT HAPPENED, ANNA MARIE? I-I DON'T KNOW, MISTER ZEISS! I DON'T KNOW!



I-I WAS AFRAID, I GUESS! AFRAID I WOULD SINK IF I STEPPED OUT ON WATER. FUNNY-- I-I NEVER FELT THAT WAY BEFORE.

ANNA MARIE HAD COME TO LEARN THAT ONE CANNOT DO THE IMPOSSIBLE. TOO BAD, SOMEHOW, I FEEL SHE HAD, FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT, UNLOCKED A DOOR TO THE HUMAN MIND-- THAT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE OPENED-- NOT FOR MANY AGES YET TO COME. ERNIE AND I ARE STILL HOPEFUL, THOUGH--

THERE MUST BE OTHER KIDS LIKE ANNA MARIE. WE'LL FIND ONE, ERNIE! DON'T WORRY!

YEAH! PERHAPS, SOMEWHERE-- THERE'S A KID WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT UNLESS YOU'RE A BIRD OR A PLANE-- YOU CAN'T FLY!



END

MEDICAL RESEARCH DISCOVERS TREATMENT FOR PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

DON'T LET UGLY PIMPLES BLEMISH YOUR PERSONALITY RUIN YOUR CONFIDENCE OR SPOIL YOUR TALENTS!

CAUSES OF PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS SEEN THROUGH POWERFUL MICROSCOPE



DO YOU feel your skin is holding back your chances for popularity... for success? Are you afraid people whom you'd like to know will reject you? Thousands of people who felt the same as you—now have clear attractive complexions. They've regained their poise and confidence. You can benefit from their experience!

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVEALS NEGLECT CAUSE OF MANY SKIN TROUBLES

Skin Specialists and Medical statistics tell us that broken out skin usually occurs from adolescence and can continue on through adulthood. Adolescents often carry these scars throughout their life. Many never get over the "feeling of embarrassment" and are always conscious of their appearance and complexion. Persistent cases of "bad skin" sometimes continue on through adulthood. In this stage of life, the responsibilities of earning a living and meeting people are essential if you are to climb the ladder of success in your job. It is doubly important to give your skin problems *immediate care*. Physicians state that to neglect your skin may prolong your skin troubles and make it more difficult to clear up. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than NOW!

Laboratory analysis using special microscopes gives us the scientific facts regarding those unsightly pimples. High-powered lenses show your skin consists of several outer layers. Projecting through this epidermis, are hairs, the ducts of the sweat glands and the tiny tubes of the sebaceous glands which supply the skin with oil to keep it soft and pliable. Skin specialists will tell you that many skin eruptions can often be traced to an over-secretion, of oil from the sebaceous glands. As a result of

this over-secretion, more oil than is normally required by the skin is deposited on the outside of the skin. Unless special care is taken, this excessive oil forms an oily coating which is a catch-all for all foreign matter in the air. When dust, dirt, lint, etc. become embedded into the tiny skin openings and block them up, they can cause the pores to become enlarged and therefore even more susceptible to additional dirt and dust. These enlarged, blocked up pores may form blackheads as soon as they become infected and bring you the worry, despair, embarrassment and humiliation of pimples, blackheads and other externally caused blemishes.



Illustrated is a microscopic reproduction of a healthy skin:

The sebaceous glands are shown as they project through the many layers of skin. In a normal skin, the openings of the gland tubes are not blocked and permit the oil to flow freely to the outside of the skin.

DOCTORS RECOMMEND THIS TREATMENT

Physicians report two important ways to control this condition: First, they prescribe clearing the pores of clogging matter; and second, inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin.

To help overcome these two conditions, Scope Products' research make available two scientifically-tested formulas that contain clinically proven ingredients. The first formula contains special cleansing properties not found in ordinary cold creams or skin cleansers. Thoroughly, but gently, it removed all surface scales, dried sebaceous matter, dust, dirt and debris—leaving your skin wonderfully soft, smooth and receptive to proper treatment. The second formula acts to reduce the excessive oiliness produced by the overactive sebaceous glands. Its active ingredients also help prevent the spread of infection by killing bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples, blackheads and blemishes.

COVERS UP UNSIGHTLY BLEMISHES WHILE MEDICATION DOES ITS WORK

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK

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DON'T SPREAD INFECTION BY SQUEEZING PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS



Clinical reports state that many people squeeze out pimples and blackheads with their fingers. This is unsanitary and may lead to the spread of the infection. This abuse may also inflame your skin and leave red welts and ugly looking blotches and bumps. As a result your face may be covered with pimples and blemishes. Soon you'll be sorry you ever squeezed or picked at your skin by using this unsanitary method to get rid of skin eruptions.

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You're only an average cab driver, but there's nothing ordinary about your passenger... The lovely lady in white who whispers in your ear:

DROP ME OFF AT THE CEMETERY!



IT WAS A GLOOMY, DISMAL SUMMER NIGHT THAT AUGUST 3, 1947, AND CAB DRIVER ROBERT MCLEOD'S THOUGHTS WERE AS BLEAK AS THE THREATENING RAIN CLOUDS AS HE CRUISED THE SIDE STREETS OF A VIRGINIA TOWN IN SEARCH OF A FARE.

ALMOST MIDNIGHT, AND I'VE HAD **ONE** CRUMMY FOUR-BIT HAUL... MAYBE I SHOULD WISE UP AND GET A FACTORY JOB OR SOMETHING...

OH, FINE! NOW IT'S STARTING TO **RAIN!** WELL... MAYBE **BUSINESS** WILL PICK UP!



PROVIDED I GET OUT OF THIS SECTION! **CEMETERIES** ALWAYS GIVE ME THE CREEPS AND **VERY FEW** CUSTOMERS!



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MCLEOD WAS QUITE WILLING TO LEAVE A PLACE LIKE THE **EDEN REST CEMETERY** ON A NIGHT SUCH AS THIS! DESERTED, IT LAY IN AN EERIE SILENCE... BROKEN ONLY BY THE SOUND OF RAIN PELTING THE GLISTENING MARBLE TOMBSTONES! BUT SUDDENLY HE BRAKED TO A HALT AS HIS HEADLIGHTS PICKED UP A FIGURE!

W-WHAT THE...



THANK GOODNESS YOU CAME BY!

Y-YOU CAN SAY THAT **AGAIN, SISTER!** YOU'RE NOT ER...EXACTLY... ER... **DRESSED FOR A RAINY NIGHT!**



THE CABBIE BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF AS THEY DROVE OFF! FOR A MOMENT, HE THOUGHT SHE HAD BEEN A **GHOST!** BUT ASIDE FROM HER STRANGE DRESS AND APPARENT NERVOUSNESS, SHE SEEMED **REAL** ENOUGH...

I... I WANT YOU TO DRIVE ME TO ALL THE CHURCHES IN TOWN!

S-SURE, LADY! YOU... YOU'RE THE BOSS!



I KNOW IT SOUNDS STRANGE, BUT IT'S URGENT! I'VE GOT SO MUCH **PRAYING** TO DO... SO MUCH!



HER REQUEST **WAS** STRANGE! BUT HER ADMISSION WAS REASSURING, AND MCLEOD DROVE HER TO FIVE CHURCHES IN TOWN, QUITE HAPPY WITH THE SOUND OF THE TAXI METER CLICKING ITS 'EVER-GROWING FIGURES AS HE WAITED...

SHE SPENDS A HALF HOUR IN EACH PLACE... AND ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE IS DUE BACK NOW! WOTTA DAME! WOTTA BUSINESS!



ALL RIGHT, DRIVER! I... I'M FINISHED! PLEASE TAKE ME BACK TO WHERE YOU PICKED ME UP!

BACK? BACK TO THE... LADY, WHY DON'T YOU LET ME DRIVE YOU HOME, INSTEAD!



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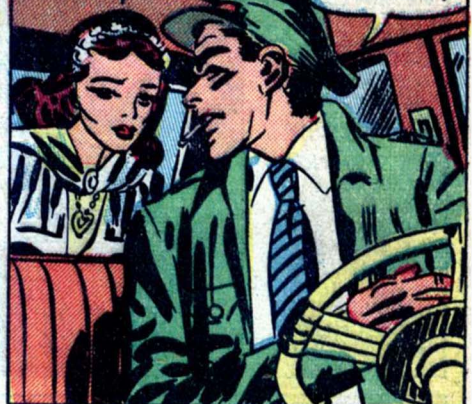
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OKAY, LADY! HERE WE ARE AT EDEN
REST. I **STILL** THINK YOU OUGHT TO
GO HOME! THAT'S WHERE I'M
HEADING... AS SOON AS YOU
PAY THE FARE!



I... I HAVEN'T
GOT ANY MONEY,
DRIVER, BUT IF
YOU'LL CONTACT
MY **MOTHER...**

NO, YOU DON'T,
LADY! EITHER YOU
FORK UP THE
DOUGH OR I'M
TAKING YOU WITH
ME TO **THE POLICE!**



PLEASE, I HAVEN'T TIME, DRIVER! LOOK... THIS
BROOCH! IT'S QUITE VALUABLE! HOLD IT AS
SECURITY UNTIL YOU SEE
MY MOTHER! SHE
LIVES AT 67
GILMORE DRIVE!
PLEASE!

WELL... OKAY, LADY! I'LL
TAKE THE JEWELRY...
ANYTHING TO GET OUT
OF HERE!



MCLEOD BARELY PAUSED TO WATCH AS HIS FARE
DASHED THROUGH THE RAIN AND INTO THE
CEMETERY GATE!



PUZZLED, HE DROVE HOME, AND AFTER A NIGHT-
MARISH, FITFUL SLEEP, PAID A VISIT TO THE
ADDRESS GIVEN...

YOU... YOU MUST
BE MISTAKEN...
THERE'S **NO** YOUNG
LADY... HERE!

BUT SHE SAID... LOOK,
LET ME STEP INSIDE,
MA'AM! I HAVE A ER...
A STORY... AND SOME-
THING TO SHOW YOU!

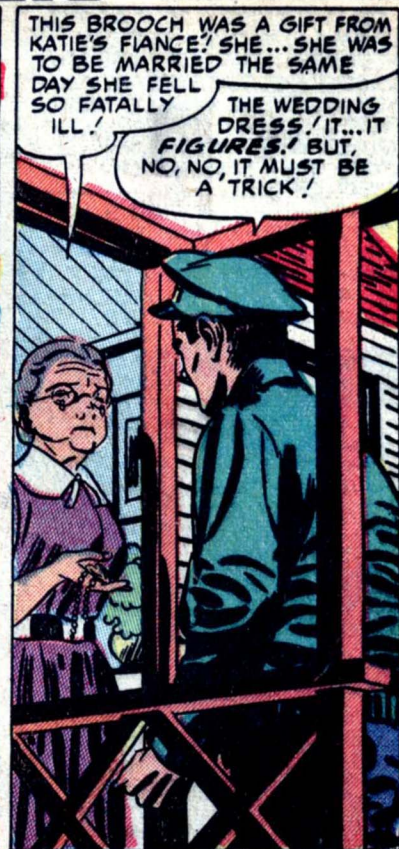


... THEN SHE PAYS ME
OFF WITH THIS! EVER
SEE IT BEFORE, LADY?

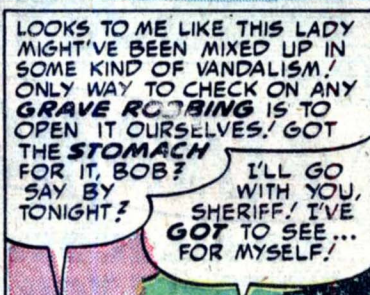
NOOOO... OH, NO! IT...
IT'S **KATHRYN'S!**



BLACK MAGIC



STILL DAZED BY HIS EXPERIENCE, MCLEOD WENT TO HIS FRIEND, SHERIFF TRAVERS... TOLD HIM THE WHOLE STORY!



A MACABRE SCENE, LIGHTED BY LANTERNS, TOOK PLACE THAT NIGHT AS MCLEOD AND THE SHERIFF BEGAN THEIR ODIUS TASK...



BLACK MAGIC

A COLD FEELING... COLD AS THE CLAMMY CLAY THEY RAPIDLY UNTURNED, COURSED THROUGH MCLEOD'S BLOODSTREAM AS THEY WORKED! FINALLY, THEIR SPADES STRUCK THE HOLLOW SOUNDING BOARDS. AND SOON, THEY HAD THE LID PRIED OPEN...

PRETTY GIRL-- HER BODY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE DISTURBED!

THAT'S HER, ALL RIGHT! IT-- IT COULDN'T BE ANYONE ELSE!



LOOK, SHERIFF! HER... HER THROAT! THE DRESS IS RIPPED WHERE SHE... SHE TOOK OFF THE BROOCH! AND THE JEWELRY'S GONE!!

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT, BOB! YOU'RE RIGHT!



FUNNY THING, TOO, NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT CLOSER... HER DRESS IS WET-- ALTHOUGH THE COFFIN'S DRY, AS IF... AS IF SHE'D BEEN WALKING IN THE RAIN!!



IT'S FOOLISH TO THINK A CORPSE CAN LEAVE HER CASKET AND JOIN THE WORLD OUTSIDE. ISN'T IT? ISN'T IT?

FND

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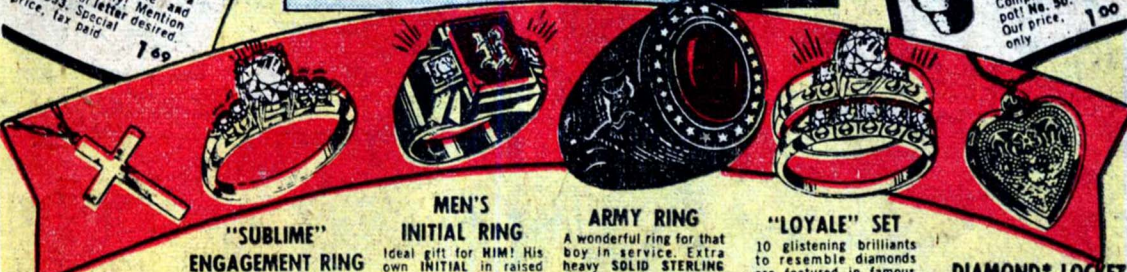
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BLACK MAGIC

It's not usually listed in a building directory. People are superstitious about the number! They fear it--as they do Judgment Day! But, some day, we must all take the elevator for--

The THIRTEENTH FLOOR!



NERVOUSLY, HIS FACE SHOWING THE ASHEN PALLOR OF THE TORMENTED, CLEMENT DORN PACED UP AND DOWN THE BRIGHT, MANY WINDOWED CORRIDOR OF THE CRESTWOOD BUILDING. **DORN WAS TRYING TO MUSTER THE WILL TO COMMIT SUICIDE!**

WHY DO I HESITATE? A QUICK LEAP THROUGH THIS WINDOW-- AND THIS MISERABLE EXISTENCE WILL BE OVER!

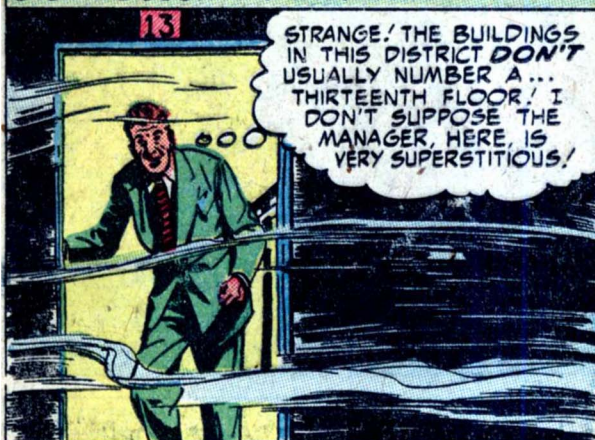
WHERE DO ALL THESE PEOPLE COME FROM! MUST I HAVE SO MANY WITNESSES TO MY DEGRADING END! I'LL TRY ANOTHER FLOOR! A **LESS** CROWDED ONE!



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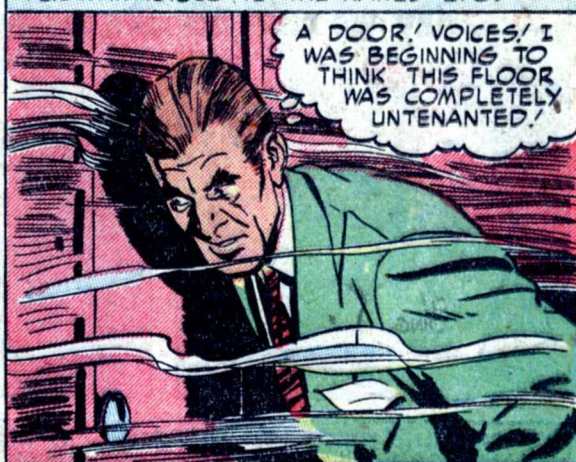
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WHO CAN FATHOM THE ILLOGICAL MINDS OF THE SUICIDE-BENT! IN DESPERATION, CLEMENT DORN FLED THE CORRIDOR AND ASCENDED A FLIGHT OF STAIRS TO THE FLOOR ABOVE. THE NUMBER OVER THE DOOR WAS **THIRTEEN!**



STRANGE! THE BUILDINGS IN THIS DISTRICT **DON'T** USUALLY NUMBER A... THIRTEENTH FLOOR! I **DON'T** SUPPOSE THE MANAGER, HERE, IS VERY SUPERSTITIOUS!

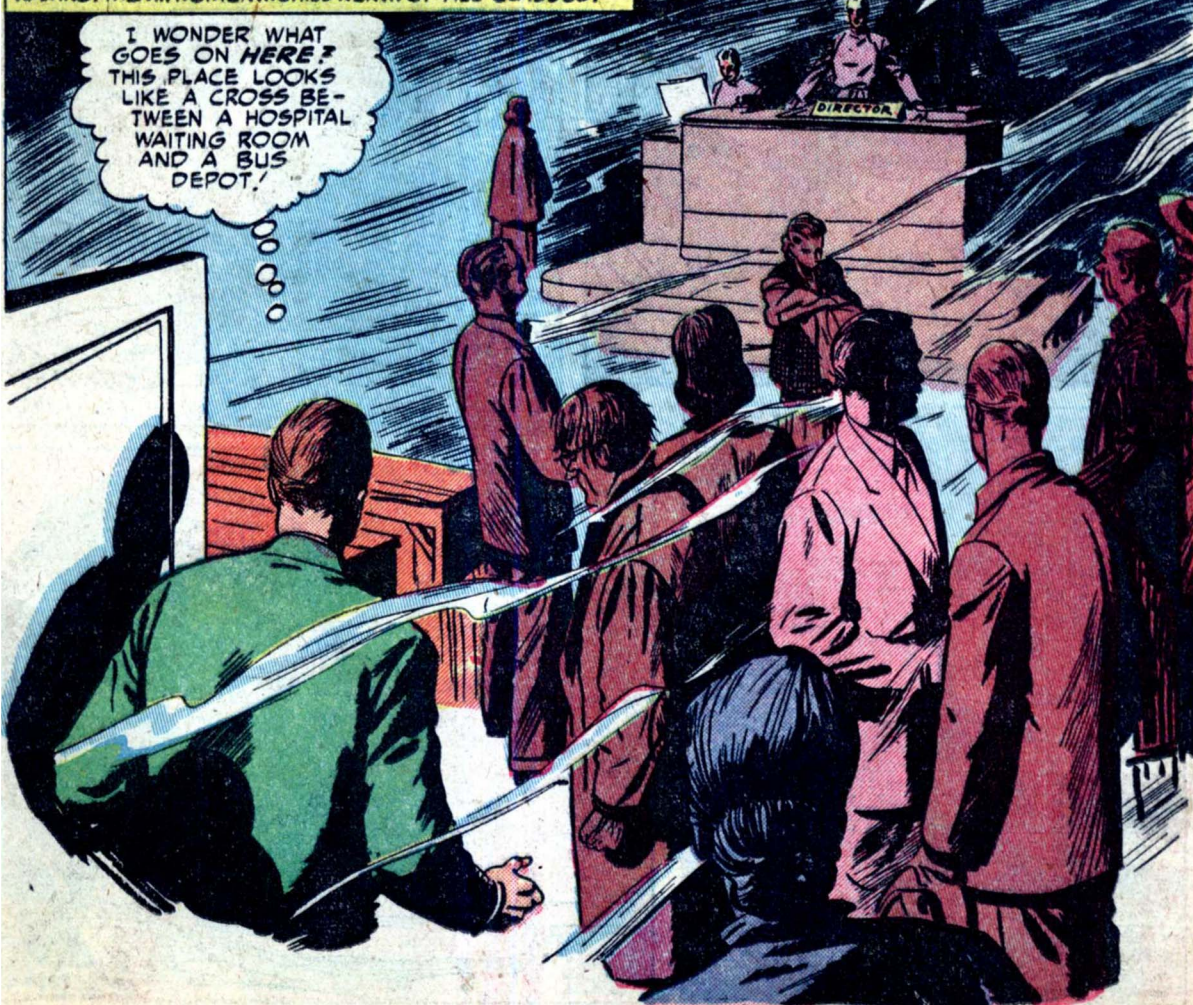
THE LONG PASSAGE WAS SILENT AND GRAY AND FOR SOME REASON, VAGUELY OUT OF FOCUS... AS IF IT WAS OBSCURED BY SOME SORT OF VEIL... INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE!



A DOOR! VOICES! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK THIS FLOOR WAS COMPLETELY UNTENANTED!

DORN WAS FILLED WITH AN UNNAMEABLE CURIOSITY OR WONDER... OR... WELL, HE DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE FEELING WAS, BUT IT DID PROMPT HIS OPENING THE DOOR... WHAT DORN SAW WAS A LARGE ROOM... FILLED WITH **PEOPLE!** PEOPLE MOVING, PEOPLE WAITING, MEN... WOMEN... CHILDREN... OF ALL CLASSES!

ATTENTION, PLEASE! NEW ARRIVALS WILL PLEASE STEP UP TO THIS DESK, IN SINGLE FILE... FOR **SCREENING!**



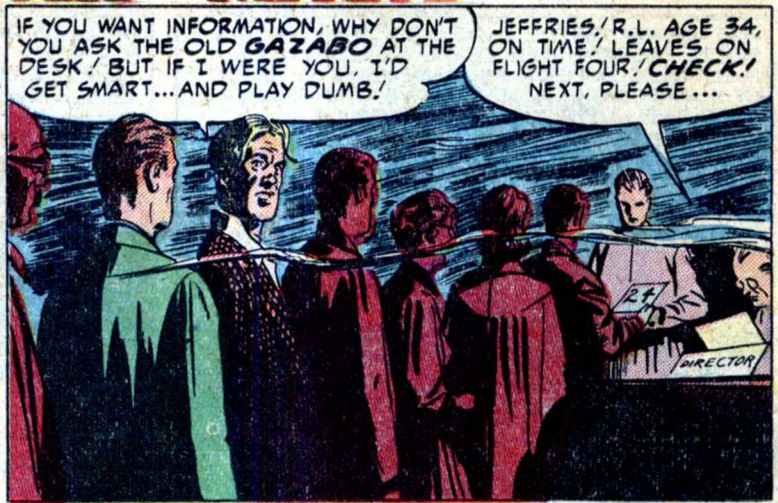
I WONDER WHAT GOES ON **HERE?** THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN A HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM AND A BUS DEPOT!

BLACK MAGIC



PARDON ME, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME...

I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN', MAC, AND I'M NOT SAYIN' NOTHIN'!



IF YOU WANT INFORMATION, WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE OLD GAZABO AT THE DESK, BUT IF I WERE YOU, I'D GET SMART...AND PLAY DUMB!

JEFFRIES, R.L. AGE 34, ON TIME, LEAVES ON FLIGHT FOUR, CHECK! NEXT, PLEASE...



WARILY, DORN APPROACHED THE "DIRECTOR" WHEN HIS TURN CAME. HIS MOUTH FELT STRANGELY DRY AS HE GAVE HIS NAME... A NAME WHICH CAUSED SOME CONSTERNATION AMONG CLERKS AND THE DIRECTOR...

DORN? THERE IS NO DORN LISTED ON THE JOURNEY MANIFEST, SIR!

WHY, THAT'S SO! I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



PERHAPS, I CAN EXPLAIN, SIR, YOU SEE I WAS JUST PASSING DOWN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE AND...

I SUGGEST YOU WAIT UNTIL THIS IS STRAIGHTENED OUT, MISTER DORN, IT WON'T TAKE LONG! NOW, IF YOU WILL KINDLY STEP ASIDE...



ATTEMPTING CALM IN THE FACE OF GROWING APPREHENSION, DORN TOOK A BENCH NEXT TO THE WALL... HIS EYES DRINKING IN HIS WEIRD SURROUNDINGS.

NOTHING FIGURES! PEOPLE COMING FROM... WHERE? PEOPLE GOING... WHERE? WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE A PLANE COMING IN FOR A LANDING!



YEP! IT'S LANDED! I CAN HEAR ITS ENGINES IDLING! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO AIRFIELD ANYWHERE NEAR THE VICINITY OF THIS BUILDING! I WISH THIS ROOM HAD SOME WINDOWS!

BLACK MAGIC

THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DORN'S WISH! HE HAD HIS ANSWER DIRECTLY! TWO MEN ENTERED THE ROOM! **FLIERS**, JUDGING BY THEIR DRESS! BUT THE AIRLINE THEY REPRESENTED WAS UNFAMILIAR!

YOU'RE PUNCTUAL, AS EVER, CAPTAIN!

GOT TO BE, SIR! HOW DO THINGS STAND, HERE? IF MY PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN SCREENED, I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR EMBARKATION!



THERE'LL BE A **SLIGHT** DELAY, I'M AFRAID, CAPTAIN! THERE IS ONE ARRIVAL WHO HAS YET TO BE PROCESSED!

I HOPE THINGS AREN'T TOO SNAFUED, SIR! I'M SCHEDULED FOR A 2:15 TAKE-OFF... JUST A FEW MINUTES FROM NOW!



DORN WATCHED WITH GROWING PERPLEXITY AS A DIVERSE GROUP OF TRAVELERS WERE MUSTERED TO A ROLL CALL OF NUMBERS AND WERE LED OUT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE PLANE'S CREW!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?



WHO WERE THESE PEOPLE? WHERE WERE THEY GOING? DORN'S MIND WAS SEEDING QUESTIONS AND REAPING ANSWERS... OMINOUS ANSWERS! **HORRIFYING ANSWERS!**

IF YOU PLEASE, SIR, THAT PASSENGER HAS TO BE LOCATED! **NOW!**

PATIENCE, CAPTAIN! ONE OF THESE ARRIVALS IS BOUND FOR **ANOTHER** DESTINATION! THE PICKUP SQUAD IS DUE ANY SECOND!



THEY SWAGGERED IN A SECOND LATER! THREE MEN IN BLACK! THEIR MANNER GAVE THEM AWAY! IT GAVE THE WHOLE THING AWAY! THOUGH DORN'S SUSPICIONS WERE CONFIRMED... HE WAS STILL DUMBFOUNDED!

YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER GETTING UP, SIR! **JUST POINT OUT THE WRETCH!** WE DON'T GET MANY... BUT THOSE WE DO GET... ARE SURE INTERESTING!

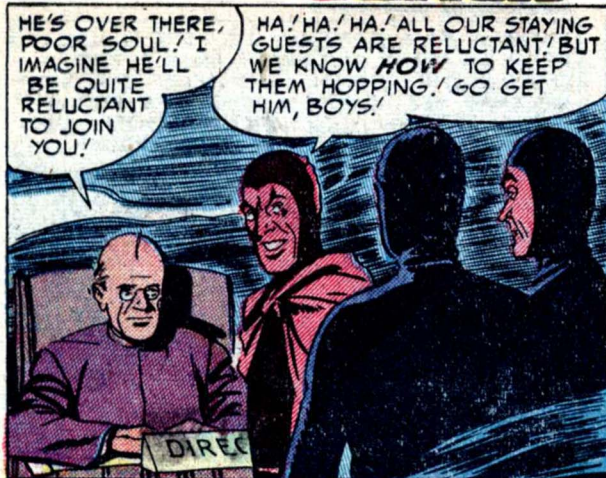
MOTHER OF MERCY! IT'S ALL CLEAR! THAT **MAN** IN BLACK --



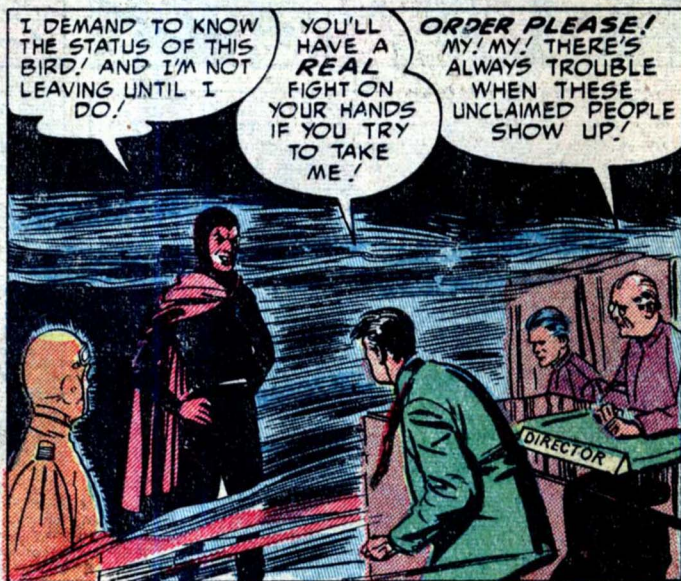
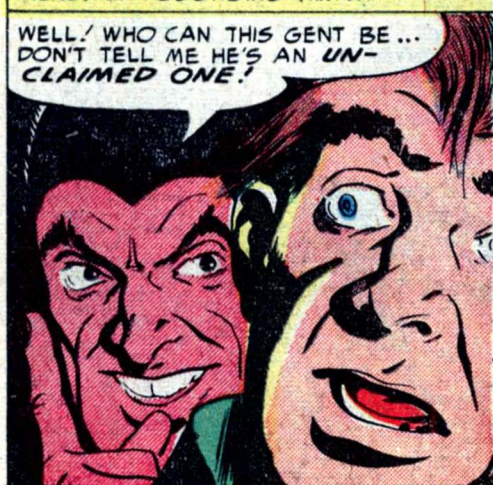
HE CAN ONLY COME FROM ONE PLACE! GREAT SCOTT! WHAT... IF... **I'M**... THE... ONE... HE'S COME TO PICK UP!



BLACK MAGIC



DORN COULD FEEL THE ICE FORM IN HIS VEINS AS THE **BRITISH SQUAD LEADER** PAUSED BESIDE HIM... BLAZING EYES, HUNGRILY ABSORBING HIM...



BLACK MAGIC

THE DIRECTOR'S VOICED DRONED ON IN THE NIGHTMARISH ATMOSPHERE. DORN SHOOK WITH FEAR! HIS MORTAL SOUL WAS IN JEOPARDY!

JUST AS I THOUGHT! A SLIGHT **ERROR** IN CALCULATION! THERE IS AN ARRIVAL DUE AT THREE O'CLOCK... NOT 2:15! YOU CAN TAKE OFF THEN, CAPTAIN!

AND... AND WHAT ABOUT **ME**, SIR?



AHH... YES... DORN! WE GET AN OCCASIONAL **STRAY** NOW AND THEN! THEY'RE USUALLY CLASSIFIED AS **INDECISIVES**! THOSE WHO LINGER ON THE EDGE OF THINGS!

AW... HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING! GO AHEAD, GET IT OVER WITH, DORN!



SURE! AT LEAST YOU'LL **KNOW** WHERE YOU STAND!

I CAN'T DECIDE HERE! I APPEAL TO YOU, MISTER DIRECTOR! CAN I GET BACK TO...



OF COURSE! IT'S YOUR PRIVILEGE... TAKE DOOR, NUMBER 42! IT'S AN EXIT! THE NEW ARRIVAL IS ALMOST DUE, CAPTAIN! IT IS TO BE A WOMAN!

OH- THANK YOU, SIR! THANK YOU! I'M ETERNALLY GRATEFUL!

WOMAN PASSENGER.. 3 P.M.! CHECK! WE'LL BE READY FOR HER, SIR!



DORN SCURRIED LIKE A RABBIT FOR EXIT 42! HE THREW OPEN THE DOOR AND PLUNGED THROUGH! IT WAS A THOUSAND FOOT DROP INTO A WELL OF DARKNESS!

THANK GOODNESS I'M ALIVE! ALIVE!

GOSH! YOU RAN INTO MY ELEVATOR - AND PASSED OUT COLD, MISTER!

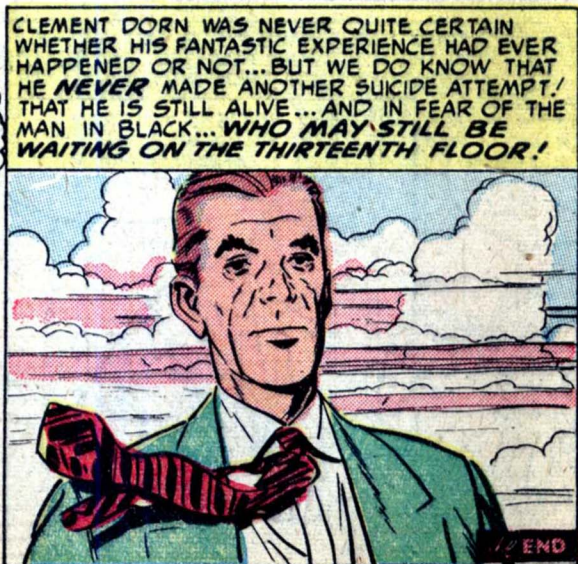
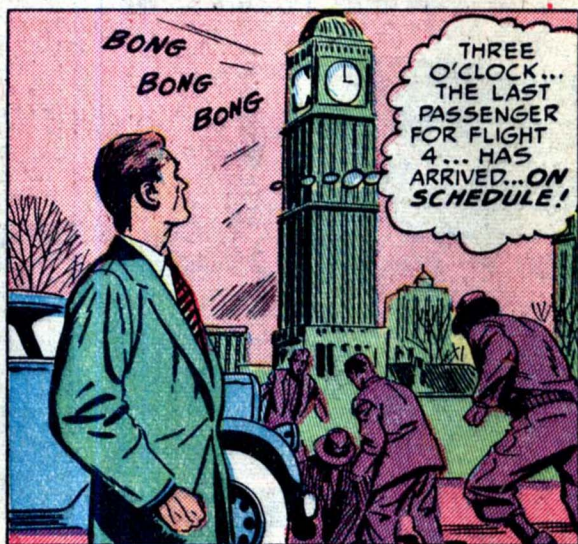
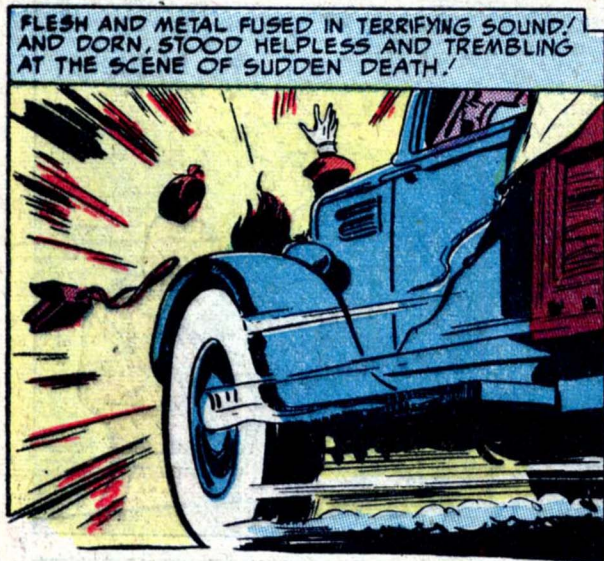
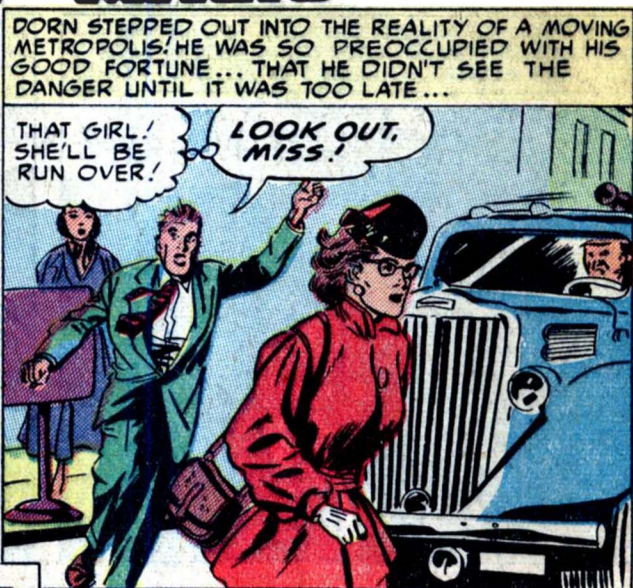


YOU MUST HAVE RUN LIKE THE WIND! MY ELEVATOR WAS EMPTY ONE SECOND - AND YOU WERE IN IT, THE NEXT! COPS AFTER YOU?

NO! THE **DEVIL**! HE'S ONE OF YOUR TENANTS ON THE **THIRTEENTH FLOOR**!



BLACK MAGIC



BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want to!*

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!

I WONDER WHY WE'RE NOT POPULAR SIS?

ASK YOUR FRIEND TOM

TOM, WHY DON'T SIS AND I GET INVITED TO PROMS AND PARTIES

FRANKLY, JIM ITS THOSE UGLY BLACKHEADS

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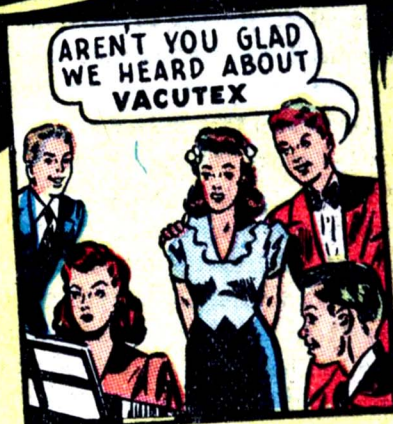


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TEMPLETON looked at the neat arrangement of wires around the door and mentally congratulated himself. Perfect, he thought. The first person to put a key in that lock will be blown to kingdom come.

The bomb was far too big for what he wanted, but he had to be sure. He had planned this for a long time and there was no point in taking chances now.

Out on the street, Templeton felt the cool air of the London night and turned up his collar. The fog was descending early, but Templeton didn't mind. He had to walk the streets for a while and it was just as well if he weren't seen. He had to stay out long enough for Pamela to get home from that silly Red Cross meeting she attended every Thursday night.

Templeton's thoughts turned to Pamela. He actually felt sorry for her. It wasn't her fault. She had tried, in her own limited way, to make him a good wife. But it was no use. He knew after their first month together that their marriage had been a mistake. He had tried to make the best of it, and he even thought he was succeeding. But then he met Grace.

Grace was everything Pamela was not. She had charm and vitality, a sense of awareness that Pamela could not even begin to comprehend. But most of all, she understood him. And now... especially now...that's what Templeton had to have, understanding. For the heavy burden of responsibility that the War Office was placing on him had to be shared with someone...someone who could say more than "You're working too hard, darling. You must rest." The day he realized he was in love with Grace was the day he started to plan Pamela's murder.

At first, they were crude and the well-founded fear of apprehension forced him to abandon one plan after the other. Then he hit upon this. Plant a bomb in the house and make sure that Pamela would be there when it went off. It was so simple he wondered why he hadn't thought of it be-

fore. After all, he was an important man in British Intelligence and a time bomb in his home would naturally be blamed on saboteurs. It was perfectly logical. Certainly much more logical than suspecting Peter Templeton, of murder.

Templeton looked up from his thoughts and saw that the fog was getting thicker. He could not see a thing within three feet of him. And yet he knew there were people around him, people constantly passing him, brushing into him, and then fading into the fog again with little more than a "so sorry!"

He smiled to himself as he pondered these silly people going about their business, moving from place to place as though their lives were important. What did they know of life? What did they know of truth, of beauty, of love? Surely they knew nothing comparable to that which he felt for Grace. Like Pamela, they were incapable of it. Poor people, he thought. Poor, poor, little people.

Templeton unconsciously looked into the sky, although the fog was just as thick overhead. There would be an air raid tonight, just as there had been on every other night. So much the better. In the excitement of it, the police would not delve too deeply into the circumstances of his wife's death.

The siren wailed and Templeton smiled to himself. Suddenly, a woman's cheap fur jacket brushed against him, rousing him from his thoughts.

"Beg yer pardon, sir, do you know the w'y to the nearest shelter, do you?"

Templeton groped his way along the wall until his foot found a stairway going down. "This cellar will have to do. Couldn't find our way to a shelter in this fog."

He took the woman's arm and helped her down the stairs. He felt for the door knob and it yielded to his touch.

"I s'y, this is topper, don't you think? I mean finding a doorway open at a time like this."

She must be a young woman. That cheap perfume would indicate a young man waiting on some corner for her.

"I was to meet my young man tonight," she

said as though in answer to his question. "But I got lost in the fog and now this bothersome air raid..." Templeton groped around and finally found a bench pushed up against a stone wall. Probably used this for a shelter before, he thought. The young woman found the bench too and settled herself beside him.

"I guess we daresn't smoke, do we? All that security and bosh." She paused for a moment, but when Templeton didn't answer, she went on. "Are you in service?"

"No!"

"I am. It's dreadfully interesting, being in service. Sometimes it's awfully dull. But then sometimes it has it's moments. Like all things I guess."

The bomb must have gone off by this time. Pamela was due home over an hour ago.

"You learn a lot about people, bein' in service. Sometimes you just can't make them out. Like my mistress, for instance. I wouldn't be telling you this, only we'll never see one another again, and even if we did, we wouldn't recognize each other with this bother of a dark."

The police would be there, making their infernal investigation.

"My mistress is as fine a lady as you'd see, don't take me wrong. But today, she done something you wouldn't believe. No, sir, you would not believe it if you'd see'd it with your own eyes like I done."

Perhaps they were finished already. They must have left, he thought, remembering the air raid.

"My master is with the gover'ment. A good job 'e 'as, too. But 'e's been...you know 'ow those fellers are...with the war on and all and so many women about...one's not enough for 'em. And this one's just like the rest. He thought 'e was bein' very clever 'e did. But 'e wasn't clever enough, not for my mistress, leastwise."

Templeton's hand closed over the pack of cigarettes in his pocket and he wished he could have taken a smoke.

"She found out about it...all about it, even the woman's name. I thought there would be a dreadful scene. I said to my young man, I said, wait until she gives it to him. He'll be a sorry one, that one."

"But what do you think she does? She makes but like nothing 'appened and after the 'usband leaves for work this mornin', she goes to 'er room and packs her bag."

"Goin' away, Mum?" I asks."

"Yes," she says, just like that. "I'm going away. When you love someone very much, you don't wish to stand in their way."

"Now what's the meanin' o' that?" I asks."

"You wouldn't understand, Mary," she says. "Just give the young lady at this address this key and this note. I'm sure she'll understand."

The word "key" caused Templeton to listen more closely. That voice sounded very familiar...and the name Mary. But no, it couldn't be.

"It was over my 'ead, I'll say that. But I learned to do as I was told and I took the key and the note to the address she give me. The young lady there read the note and thanked me. Then she said something very strange."

Beads of sweat formed in the dark on Templeton's brow as he strained to hear every word.

"Tell your mistress I understand," she said. "And I'll be there. Tell her...tell her I love him too...and I understand." That's all she says. Then she takes the key and gives it a little kiss and seein' I'm still standin' there, she flushes up and goes inter the 'ouse. When I got back, my mistress was gone."

Templeton seized the girl's arm and squeezed it until she gave a little cry of pain.

"Was there anything else?" he whispered. "Did the young woman say she'd be there for sure?"

"Oh, I expect so. She seemed to know exactly what was meant after she read the note. Please, sir, you're hurting my arm!"

Templeton dropped the girl's arm and reached into his pocket for a match. Regulations be darned! He had to know. He had to make sure. He struck the match and held it, in trembling fingers, up to the girl's face.

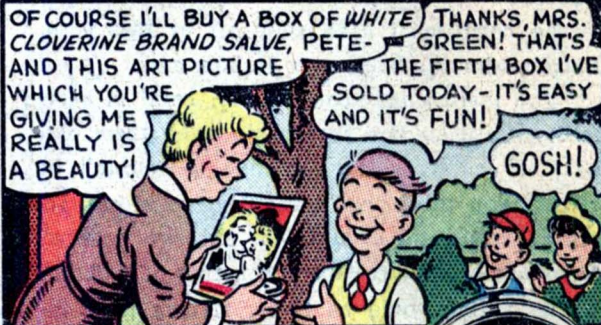
"Mr. Templeton!" she cried, and a look of stark horror came over the features of his wife's maid.

Templeton dropped the match to the floor and watched it slowly burn itself out.



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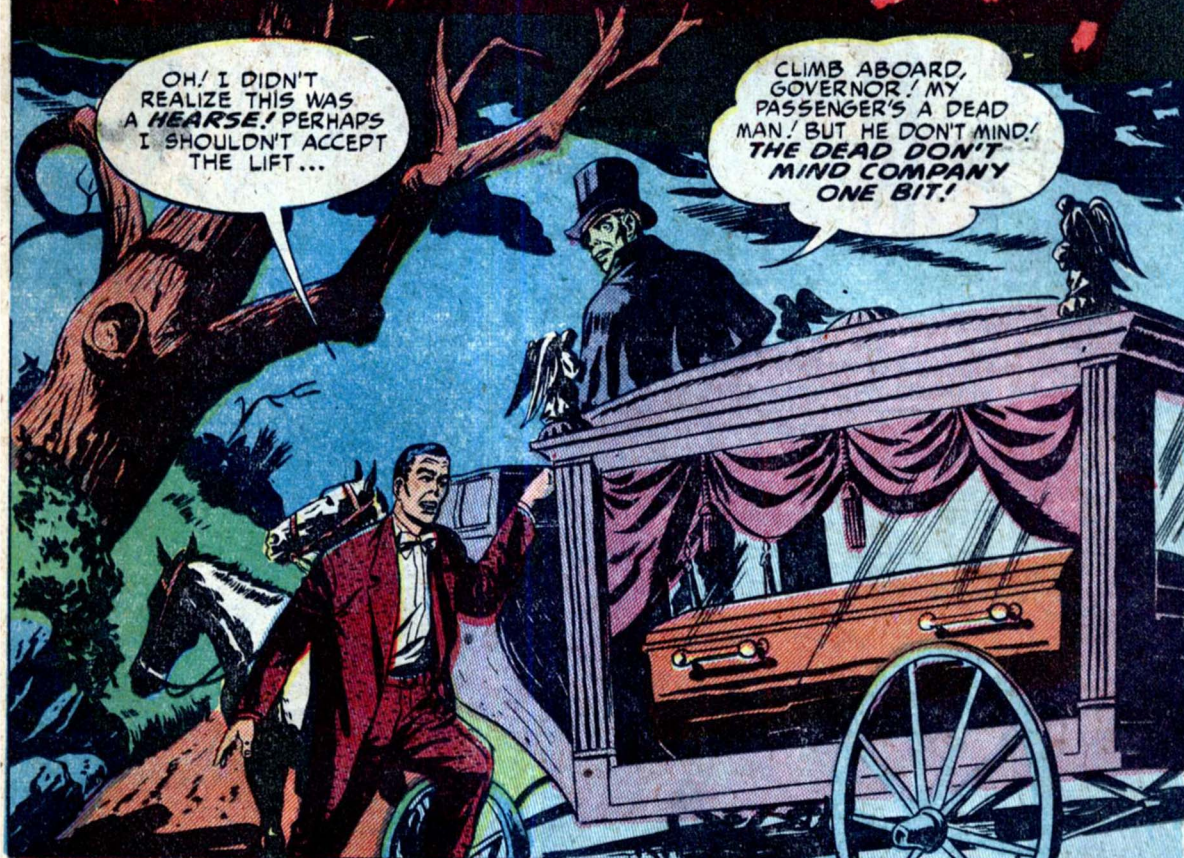
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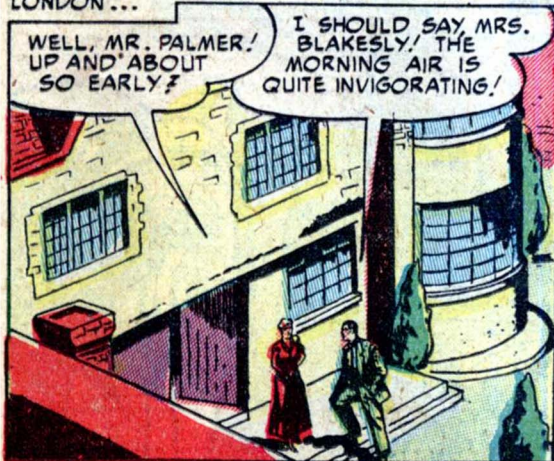
OH! I DIDN'T
REALIZE THIS WAS
A **HEARSE!** PERHAPS
I SHOULDN'T ACCEPT
THE LIFT...

CLIMB ABOARD,
GOVERNOR! MY
PASSENGER'S A DEAD
MAN! BUT HE DON'T MIND!
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WELL, MR. PALMER!
UP AND ABOUT
SO EARLY?

I SHOULD SAY MRS.
BLAKESLY! THE
MORNING AIR IS
QUITE INVIGORATING!



I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO
EXPLORE THE ENGLISH
COUNTRYSIDE BY MYSELF!
IT'S REALLY **BEAUTIFUL!**

I DO HOPE IT WON'T
BE ONE OF THOSE
LENGTHY WALKS!
I'LL EXPECT YOU AND
YOUR PRETTY WIFE,
BETH, TO JOIN ME AT
TEA TIME!

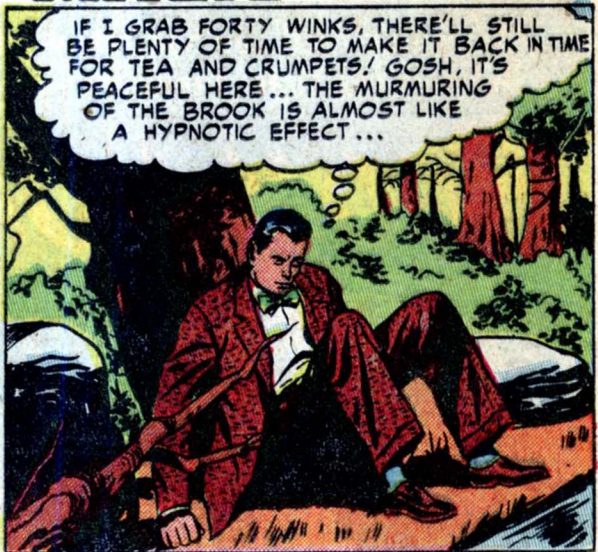


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THE JULY SUN SHONE WITH DAZZLING BRILLIANCE ON THE GLOWING GREEN OF THE COUNTRYSIDE! PEACE AND BEAUTY! "A REFRESHING CONTRAST TO WAR SCARRED LONDON," THOUGHT BILL PALMER, AS HE FINALLY PAUSED BY A SHADY BROOK...



WONDER HOW FAR I'VE GONE? THIS ESTATE IS MORE **SPACIOUS** THAN I IMAGINED! I SURE AM TIRED!



IF I GRAB FORTY WINKS, THERE'LL STILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE IT BACK IN TIME FOR TEA AND CRUMPETS! GOSH, IT'S PEACEFUL HERE... THE MURMURING OF THE BROOK IS ALMOST LIKE A HYPNOTIC EFFECT...

MAYBE IT WAS HYPNOSIS! BUT THE AIR DRUGGED HIM AS IF IT WERE A SEDATIVE! AND BILL SEEMINGLY SLEPT THROUGH THE PERIOD OF DAYLIGHT! HE AWOKE WITH A START... FEELING STRANGE AND LONESOME IN **UN-FAMILIAR** LAND!



GOOD GRIEF! IT'S NIGHTFALL! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO STUPID AS TO DOZE OFF LIKE THAT! THEY'LL BE **WORRIED** ABOUT ME AT THE MANOR! I'D BETTER GET BACK THERE ON THE DOUBLE!



HOW CAN ANY PLACE BE SO PLEASANT DURING THE DAY... AND SO **SINISTER** AT NIGHT! AH! THERE'S THE ROAD! I'LL FIND MY WAY BACK EASILY NOW!

TIRED AND UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE **EERIE** NIGHT, BILL PRESSED ON! SUDDENLY, HIS EARS CAUGHT THE SOUND OF HOOVES AND WHEELS GRINDING THE GRAVEL BEHIND HIM WITH A GRITTY SOUND!



HEY! WHAT'S THAT? OH! I... I SEE IT NOW... HORSES PULLING SOME KIND OF A **DARK CARRIAGE**!



HERE NOW, GUV'NOR! I DON'T MIND AN **EXTRA PASSENGER**! BE GLAD TO DROP YOU OFF WHEREVER YOU'RE HEADED FOR!

I... I COULD USE A **LIFT**! THANKS!

BLACK MAGIC

BILL FELT THE STRONG, GLOVED HAND OF THE DRIVER ...AND HAD ALMOST MOUNTED THE SEAT WHEN THE MOON EXPOSED THE MAN'S FACE! IT WAS THE FACE OF A BEING WHO WAS WELL FITTED FOR THE JOB HE WAS DOING ... THAT OF TRANSPORTING THE DEAD!



YOU GOT IT, GUV'NOR! THIS HERE'S A **HEARSE!** AND MY PASSENGER IS SHUT TIGHT IN HIS **COFFIN**, AS SNUG AS YOU PLEASE!

HE WON'T MIND, LADDIE! HOP ON! IT'S A BIG HEARSE! **THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE!**

ON SECOND THOUGHT I BELIEVE I'LL WALK! THANKS, ANYWAY...



THE DRIVER LAUGHED LUSTILY AND UTTERED A FEW OATHS AS HE PUT THE WHIP TO HIS HORSES! HE DROVE AWAY, MUCH TO BILL'S RELIEF! A RELIEF THAT WASN'T COMPLETE UNTIL HE SHAKILY, RECOUNTED HIS TALE TO HIS WIFE AN HOUR LATER ...



IT MUST HAVE BEEN A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE, BILL! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

IT'S LIKE SOME **NIGHTMARISH DREAM!** I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT HAPPENED AT ALL, BETH, YET I SHAN'T EASILY FORGET IT!

HERE, MR. PALMER! A BIT OF THIS ALE WILL SET YOU AS RIGHT AS RAIN AGAIN!



THANKS, MRS. BLAKESLY! TELL ME, HAS ANYONE DIED RECENTLY IN THIS VICINITY?

WHY, **NO!** I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE! I'D BE THE FIRST TO KNOW! BESIDES, WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY HORSE DRAWN HEARSES AROUND HERE FOR YEARS!



THAT'S ODD! I SAW THAT ONE AS **CLEARLY** AS I SEE YOU, MA'AM!

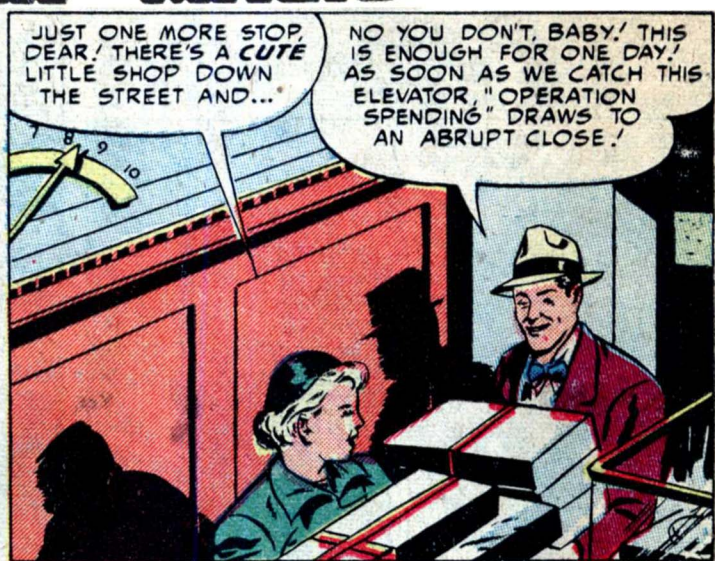
I DARE SAY, THIS IS BECOMING A RATHER **CONFUSING** DISCUSSION...

YES, BILL! LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE TO TALK ABOUT!

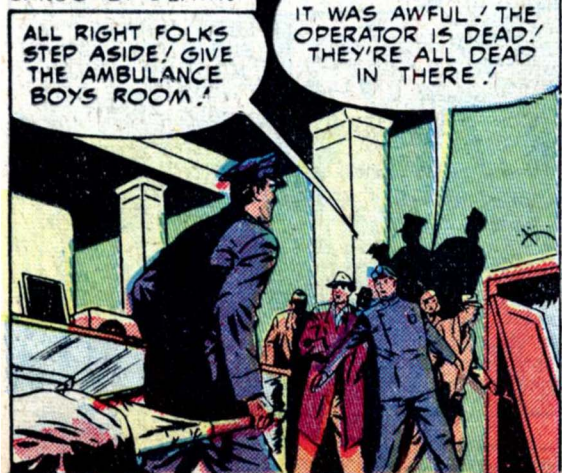


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TIME WENT BY! AND BILL RELUCTANTLY HAD TO AGREE IT MUST HAVE BEEN A HALLUCINATION! WHEN HE AND BETH FINALLY RETURNED TO AMERICA THE INCIDENT VANISHED INTO THE PAST...



EVERY CELL IN BILL'S BODY WAS ALIVE WITH THE **PREMONITION OF DISASTER!** THEN, HE HEARD THE CABLE SNAP! THE CAR PLUNGED TO THE BASEMENT WITH ITS SCREAMING CARGO OF DEATH!



BILL AND BETH WERE ON THE MAIN FLOOR WHEN THE BODIES WERE RECOVERED AND TAKEN AWAY! THE **ELEVATOR OPERATOR'S** CORPSE WAS CARRIED PAST BILL ... HE LOOKED AT HIM CLOSELY! **IT WAS NOT THE SAME MAN!**



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YOU'LL NEVER REST! WHEREVER YOU RUN OR HIDE, I SHALL BE WITH YOU...WALKING BESIDE YOU...MAKING THE TERRIBLE SOUND WHICH WILL TORMENT YOU

Through All Eternity!



S-SHE'S GONE, PHILLIP! KATHERINE IS DEAD—

IT WAS **YOU** WHO CAUSED HER DEATH, LEEDS! AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU PAY FOR IT!

ASIDE FROM HIS WORK AS A LEADING EUROPEAN PHYSICIST IN THE LATE 20'S, DR. **RENE LA TOUCHE**, DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND SCIENTIFIC STUDY TO SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA. ONE RAINY AUGUST NIGHT HIS VALET INTERRUPTED HIM IN HIS PARISIAN STUDY, WHERE HE WAS PORING OVER A PONDEROUS VOLUME.

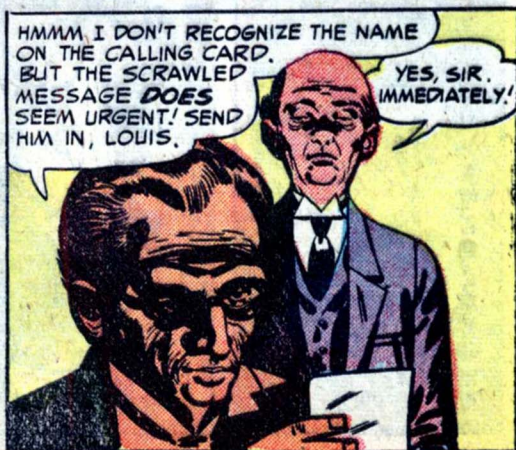
LOUIS--HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN, I'M **NOT** TO BE DISTURBED AT TIMES SUCH AS THIS!

I--I'M SORRY, SIR! BUT THE **VISITOR** IS IN SUCH AN UPSET STATE OF MIND I THOUGHT--
--PERHAPS



HMMM, I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE NAME ON THE CALLING CARD. BUT THE SCRAWLED MESSAGE **DOES** SEEM URGENT! SEND HIM IN, LOUIS.

YES, SIR. IMMEDIATELY!

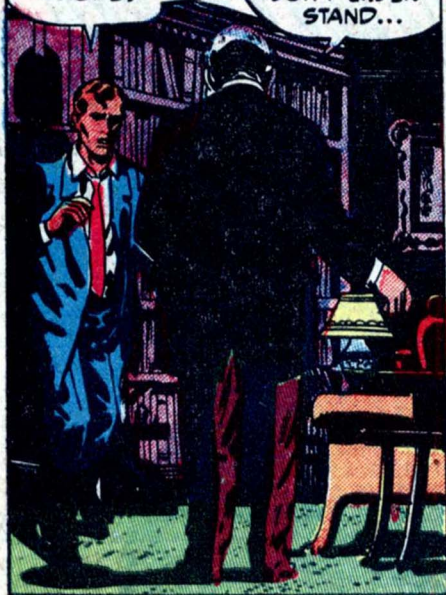


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"A MAN ENTERED THE DOCTOR'S STUDY.. A MAN WHOSE FACE BORE ANGUISHED LINES OF WORRY...WHOSE EYES WERE HAUNTED BY THE BLACK FIRES OF A PURGATORY ON EARTH..IN A SCARED AND TORMENTED VOICE, HE STATED HIS MISSION."

I... I HAD TO SEE YOU, DOCTOR! YOU'RE MY LAST... MY ONLY HOPE!

PLEASE HAVE A CHAIR, SIR! BUT I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



DOCTOR, I'VE READ YOUR BOOKS ON PSYCHIC RESEARCH AND CONSIDER YOU THE GREATEST OF THE OCCULT SCIENTISTS!

I APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT, MR. LEEDS! BUT YOU'RE IN SUCH AN EMOTIONAL STATE... PLEASE, RELAX... CALM YOURSELF!



RELAX? THE WORD IS A HOLLOW **MOCKERY!** I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT MEANT!



BEFORE YOU DECIDE I'M INSANE, DOCTOR, LET ME TELL YOU MY STORY! AND FURTHERMORE, I'LL **PROVE** IT! I'LL DEMONSTRATE I AM ACTUALLY BEING **PERSECUTED BY A HIDEOUS PHANTOM!**



"DR. LA TOUCHE ASSENTED! AND THE MAN... **WILLIAM LEEDS** BEGAN HIS TALE! IT STARTED FOUR YEARS AGO, HE SAID! FOR MY LIFE BEGAN THEN! THE DAY **KATHERINE** AND I WERE MARRIED!

MRS. WILLIAM LEEDS! OH, HOW THRILLED I AM, MY DARLING!

KATHERINE... KATHERINE...



PHILLIP! HOW HAPPY I AM THAT YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND THE WEDDING!

I MAY BE **SECOND BEST** IN YOUR AFFECTIONS BUT, I'M NOT A POOR SPORT!

PHILLIP HATES ME FOR HAVING WON KATHERINE! CAN'T HE UNDERSTAND SHE NEVER LOVED HIM!

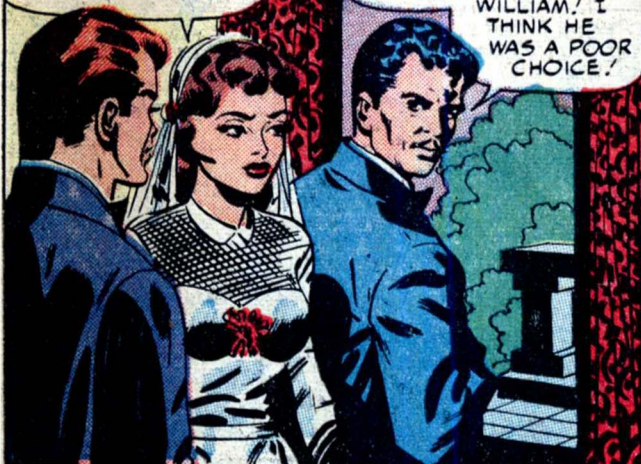


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THINGS WOULD BE JUST PERFECT, PHILLIP... IF YOU AND WILLIAM BECAME FRIENDS!

I'M SORRY, KATHERINE! I ONLY CAME TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO YOU! I HAVE NOTHING BUT CONTEMPT FOR WILLIAM! I THINK HE WAS A POOR CHOICE!

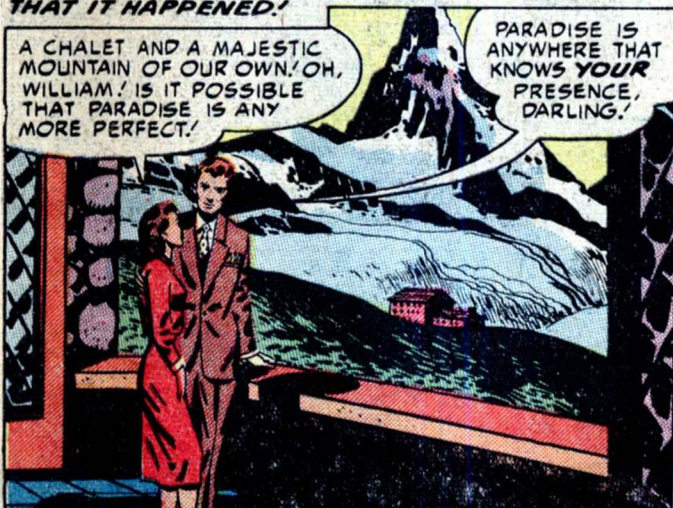
I ASSURED KATHERINE THAT PHILLIP WOULD GET OVER IT IN TIME... AND THE INCIDENT WAS BURIED, TEMPORARILY, AS WE SPENT THE MOST GLORIOUSLY, HAPPY HONEYMOON POSSIBLE! **VENICE... PARIS... ROME...**



THEN, WE VISITED SWITZERLAND FOR A FINAL ECSTATIC WEEK-END BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON. **IT WAS THERE, THAT IT HAPPENED!**

A CHALET AND A MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN OF OUR OWN! OH, WILLIAM! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT PARADISE IS ANY MORE PERFECT!

PARADISE IS ANYWHERE THAT KNOWS YOUR PRESENCE, DARLING!



THAT'S SHEER FLATTERY, WILLIAM! I... I FEEL SO FAINT...

DARLING! WHAT'S WRONG!



THERE **WAS** SOMETHING WRONG... TERRIBLY WRONG! AND AFTER DAYS OF EXHAUSTING TESTS AT A FAMOUS CLINIC, THE HEAD EXAMINER BROKE THE NEWS TO US!

YOUR WIFE IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF AN **INCURABLE** DISEASE, MR. LEEDS! NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO SAVE THE TEMPORARY ALLEVIATION OF PAIN...

OH, NO! DOCTOR... THERE **MUST** BE SOMETHING!



D-DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, WILLIAM! I'VE HAD HAPPINESS, ENOUGH, FOR A **FULL** LIFETIME! JUST TAKE ME HOME... BACK TO ENGLAND... I... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HAPPIEST THERE!



BLACK MAGIC

"DEAR, BRAVE KATHERINE ... SHE HAD TO COMFORT ME! IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, SHE NEVER ALLOWED THE SPECTRE OF IMPENDING DEATH TO CAST ITS GLOOMY SHADOW UPON EITHER OF US!"

THERE, DARLING! ARE YOU WARM ENOUGH?

SHAME ON YOU, WILLIAM! YOU TREAT ME AS IF I WERE AN... INVALID! OH, LOOK! ISN'T THAT PHILLIP RIDING UP THE DRIVE?



"HOSTILITY BLAZED INSIDE ME AS I WENT DOWN TO MEET PHILLIP! EVER SINCE OUR RETURN, HIS HATE FOR ME HAD GROWN INCREASINGLY! ACCUSATIONS, AS YET UNVOICED, SHOT AT ME FROM HIS FEVERISH EYES AS WE MET!"

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T DISTURB KATHERINE TODAY, PHILLIP! YOU KNOW HOW APPALLING THE TENSION OF THIS ILLNESS HAS BEEN TO HER!



I ONLY WANTED HER TO SEE PRINCE, MY NEW STALLION! KATHERINE WAS A WONDERFUL HORSEWOMAN ... THAT IS, BEFORE SHE MET YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY! OUT WITH IT!



ALL RIGHT, LEEDS! SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, YOU ARE KILLING KATHERINE... HASTENING HER END!

WHY... YOU'RE MAD!

WILLIAM ... OH ... WILLIAM ...



"ONLY KATHERINE'S FEEBLE VOICE STOPPED ME FROM DOING VIOLENCE TO PHILLIP! I SPRANG TO HER SIDE ... HORROR CHILLING MY BLOOD AS I REALIZED SHE WAS IN THE THROES OF A FINAL STRUGGLE!"

DON'T GRIEVE, MY DARLING... AND... AND GUARD YOURSELF AGAINST PHILLIP... HE... HE HAS UNCANNY POWERS... HE...



KATHERINE! OH, MY POOR, BELOVED KATHERINE...

SHE'S GONE! I'M HOLDING YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, LEEDS! AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU PAY!



BLACK MAGIC

"NEED I EXPLAIN MY GRIEF... MY **LOSS!** FOR DAYS FOLLOWING HER FUNERAL, I WALKED ABOUT LIKE AN AUTOMATON... FINDING NO SOLACE, EVEN IN STUNNED CONFUSION! I FOUND MYSELF IN A PARK, ONE EVENING... AWARE THAT I WAS BEING FOLLOWED...



I WAS SURE I HEARD FOOTSTEPS! THAT MAN... WATCHING ME FROM THE SHADOWS... OF COURSE! **PHILLIP!**

"TREMBLING WITH APPREHENSION I FLED THE SCENE... I KNEW **NOW,** THAT PHILLIP, IN HIS MADNESS, HELD **ME** RESPONSIBLE FOR KATHERINE'S DEATH! AND HER **WARNING** ECHOED IN MY MIND AS I SAT IN MY HOTEL ROOM!

HE FOLLOWED ME HERE! I SAW HIM ENTER THE LOBBY! W-WHAT DOES HE **WANT** OF ME?



"I TRIED TO SLEEP... TO NO AVAIL! MY MIND CHURNED WITH MEMORIES OF KATHERINE! ... AND PHILLIP'S PSYCHOPATHIC OBSESSION! SUDDENLY, I HEARD **TAPPINGS** ON THE WALL NEXT DOOR... ANNOYING KNOCKS THAT PROMPTED ME TO CALL THE MANAGER SEVERAL TIMES...

I DON'T CARE IF THE OCCUPANT OF THE NEXT ROOM REFUSES TO RESPOND! **MAKE HIM!** HE'S GOT TO STOP THAT TAPPING! I CAN'T SLEEP!



"TOWARD MORNING, THE KNOCKING STOPPED! AFTER A FITFUL NAP, I WENT DOWN TO BREAKFAST. THE OCCUPANT OF THE NEXT ROOM WAS GONE! BUT IN THE BREAKFAST ROOM, I SAW PHILLIP!

SO IT **WAS** PHILLIP! WELL, WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT I DON'T FRIGHTEN EASILY, PERHAPS, HE'LL GIVE UP THIS SILLY BUSINESS!



"I DECIDED TO TAKE THE FOOL IN MY STRIDE, TO LET HIM DO HIS WORST! BETTER YET... I VANISHED FROM FAMILIAR SCENES! LOST MYSELF IN A STRANGE DISTRICT... AMONG PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T KNOW ME!



THIS IS MUCH BETTER! I CAN ENJOY A RESTFUL STAY HERE! PHILLIP WON'T FIND THE BLOODHOUND THAT COULD TRACE ME TO THIS ADDRESS!

AN EXCELLENT RUSE! AND NOW TO SLEEP! A FULL NIGHT'S REST FOR NERVES AND CONSCIENCE...



BLACK MAGIC

"HOW WRONG I WAS! NO SOONER HAD I DOZED OFF, WHEN I WAS AWAKENED BY A **THUMPING** FROM THE ROOM NEXT DOOR!

THE FIENDISH DEVIL! HE'S FOUND ME! HOW, ON EARTH, DID HE DO IT!



"I NEVER DOUBTED THAT IT WAS PHILLIP! STEALTHILY I CREPT ALONG THE CORRIDOR... ENTERED HIS ROOM... AND CONFRONTED MY TORMENTOR!

AH! **WILLIAM!** NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! DID THIS KNOCKING DISTURB YOU? IT'S A BAD HABIT OF MINE! CAN'T SEEM TO BREAK IT!

SUPPOSE I HELP YOU BREAK IT... **FOR GOOD!**



WILLIAM!
N-NO!
NO...

I'M STARVED FOR REST, AND I SHALL TAKE IT AT ANY COST... **ANY COST!**



"HIS LIFE SQUEEZED THROUGH MY FINGERS! AND I TOSSED HIS LIMP BODY INTO A CORNER OF THE ROOM! THEN, I RAN OFF... INTO THE NIGHT!

I'LL GO TO THE POLICE! GIVE MYSELF UP! BUT NOT BEFORE I FIND OTHER LODGINGS... AND GET THE FULL NIGHT'S SLEEP I'VE BOUGHT FOR THE PRICE OF **MURDER!**



"I DID AS PLANNED... BUT NO SOONER HAD I SLIPPED OFF TO DELICIOUS SLUMBER... THE FIRST IN WEEKS... WHEN A PECULIAR SENSATION AROUSED ME...

I... I CAN HEAR **BREATHING... OTHER THAN MY OWN...** CLOSE AND WARM AGAINST MY FACE...



BLACK MAGIC

THERE'S SOMEONE IN THIS ROOM!
SOMEONE...I CAN'T SEE...



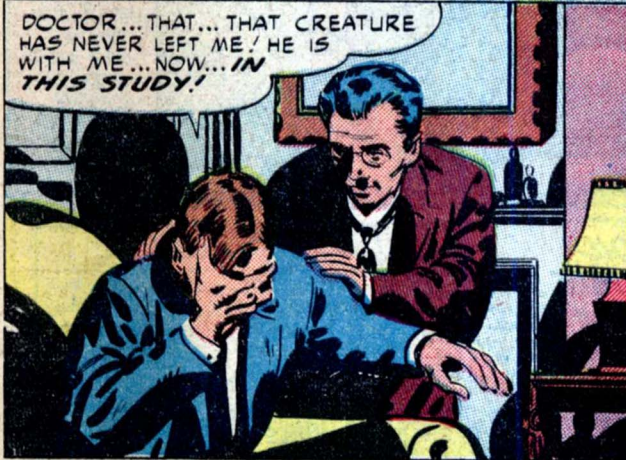
"I LEAPED FRANTICALLY OUT OF BED! THE SOUND OF BREATHING STILL PERSISTED!"

I'M GOING MAD! THERE'S AN INVISIBLE FORM... BESIDE ME... IT'S A MAN! I CAN TOUCH HIS FACE... HIS HAND... THERE'S A RIDING CROP GRIPPED IN HIS HAND...



"IN THE STUDY OF DR. LA TOUCHE THERE WAS THE SOUND OF LASHING RAIN... AND THE THIN, REEDY VOICE OF WILLIAM LEEDS, CHOKING INTO A SOB! EVEN THE DOCTOR WAS VISIBLY SHAKEN BY THIS STORY!"

DOCTOR... THAT... THAT CREATURE HAS NEVER LEFT ME! HE IS WITH ME... NOW... IN THIS STUDY!



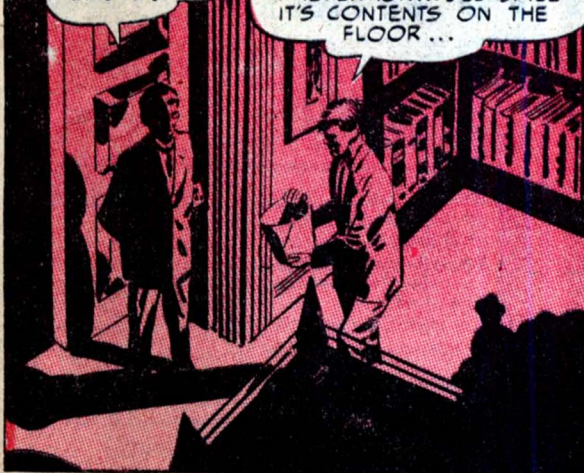
BUT SURELY... YOU CANNOT MEAN WHAT YOU SAY! IT IS BEYOND BELIEF! YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM OBVIOUS GUILT! A HALLUCINATION THAT WILL VANISH ONCE YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP TO THE POLICE AND RELIEVE YOUR MIND OF THIS CRIME!

IF IT WERE ONLY AS SIMPLE AS THAT! BUT IT ISN'T! IT ISN'T!



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THERE! AS I WALK... IT WALKS BESIDE ME!

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BLACK MAGIC

IN SUDDEN ANGUISH, WILLIAM LEEDS VOICED A QUESTION—THAT WAS ANSWERED PROMPTLY, BY THE INVISIBLE *THING*—WHICH TRACED A MESSAGE IN THE SAND...

HOW MUCH LONGER MUST I ENDURE THIS TERRIBLE PERSECUTION!

LOOK! THERE IS A MESSAGE ON THE SAND IT SAYS: **THROUGH ALL ETERNITY!**

THROUGH ALL ETERNITY

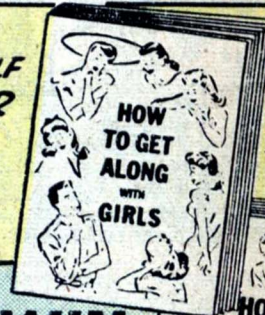
NO HOPE! NO REST—ON EARTH!

COME BACK! COME BACK! THERE MAY YET BE SOME ESCAPE—

THERE WAS NO ESCAPE! NOT FOR THE MAN WHO FLED SHOUTING INTO THE RISING WIND! WILLIAM LEEDS DIED THAT EVENING! WHATEVER IT WAS THAT PURSUED HIM, CAUGHT UP WITH LEEDS AT A BUSY TRAFFIC INTER-SECTION! WHEN THEY PULLED LEED'S BODY FROM UNDER THE TRUCK-- THERE WAS A RIDING CROP GRIPPED TIGHTLY IN HIS HAND!

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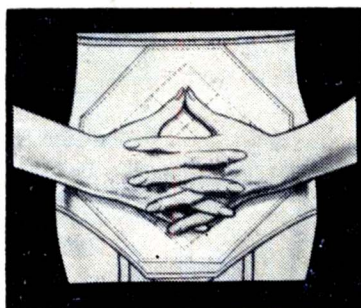
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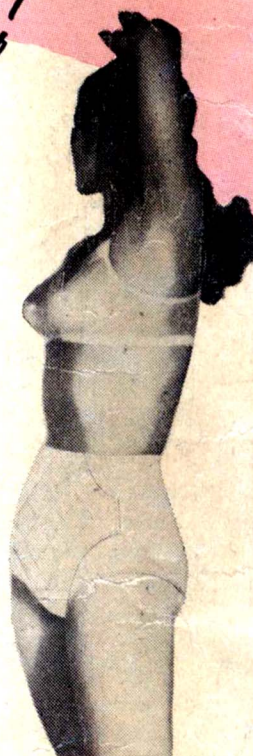
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